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SUBJECT: CHABERT VISIT: REQUEST FOR LANDING RIGHTS

1. IN SEPARATE MEETINGS APRIL 15 WITH SECRETARY COLEMAN AT DOT AND WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARIES HARTMAN AND GREENWALD AT STATE, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS CHABERT BROUGHT UP ISSUE OF SABENA LANDING RIGHTS IN SECOND US CITY. CHABERT POINTED OUT THAT EVERY OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY, EXCEPT FINLAND, HAD LANDING RIGHTS IN TWO OR MORE CITIES AND DESCRIBED BELGIUM'S LIMITATION TO NEW YORK AS A QTE HUMILIATION END QTE AND AS A POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC PROBLEM. HE ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT BELGIUM, A NATO ALLY AND LONG TIME US FRIEND, WAS BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. CHABERT WENT ON TO INDICATE THAT SABENA MIGHT BE WILLING TO REDUCE ITS CAPACITY TO

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NEW YORK IF IT COULD HAVE LANDING RIGHTS IN SECOND CITY,

SO THAT ITS OVERALL CAPACITY TO THE US WOULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED. FURTHERMORE, BELGIUM WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS FOR PANAM IN BRUSSELS.

2. COLEMAN, HARTMAN, AND GREENWALD ALL EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF BELGIAN POSITION. UNFORTUNATELY, FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF DOMESTIC US AIRLINES WOULD MAKE IT

POLITICALLY DIFFICULT TO GIVE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS TO SABENA. CHABERT AGREED THAT HE WOULD HAVE HIS MINISTRY GIVE INFORMAL PAPER WITH FULLER JUSTIFICATION OF BELGIAN POSITION TO EMBASSY BRUSSELS IN NEXT FEW WEEKS, RATHER THAN INVOKE FORMAL BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. ROBINSON

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